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Somebody, when asked about the propriety of keeping "lent" said that it reminded him of two farmers.

The Lenten Season.

One was in his farm every day, doing something, fencing, sprouting, plowing, sowing, cultivating and reaping. The other would ride around over the country and wait until the last days of the season, and then run out and in one month try to prepare the soil, plant his seed, cultivate his crop and reap it—all in one month! Of course, as a farmer, he was a failure. He could not play the role of a sportsman eleven months in the year, and then be a successful farmer in one month. Neither can our Catholic and Episcopal friends be "gay" for 325 1/2 days and then make amends for their gayety and worldliness by being "devout" (?) for forty days. God is to be worshiped devoutly, in all seasons; one part of the year being just as "sacred" to Him "with whom we have to do" as the another. The word "Easter" is not a Bible word. True it occurs in the New Testament English once—Acts 12:14, but there it means "passover"—See revised version.

The Ram's Horn for March 8th, has on its cover a very suggestive picture, "On the road to Zion," the pastor and his church are in "a hard pull." In the picture, asked, labeled "The Church,"

Drift of Worldliness.

with four men in it, or two in it and two others falling out at the rear end, and the pastor with a rope tied to the front end, has encountered a heavy snow drift. The pastor is out in the snow with his hat off, pulling with all his might, to get over the drift—the "Drift of Worldliness." He has the bright earnest look of a man who means to succeed, let the task be never so great. It is very certain he will lose two, if not more of his load. One drunken old sinner has already fallen overboard into the snow and one other is falling, while the other two are holding on by the skin of their teeth, wondering if their faithful little "dominie" will get them over or not. Of course the picture is somewhat overdrawn. No pastor, or very few at least, has to make the pull against the "drift of worldliness" by himself. There are always some who will lay hold of the rope with him. But it shows very clearly that if the burden was a little lighter, and the force at the rope a little greater, they would get over the drift quicker. It also suggests that the pastor means to make the landing if possible with all on board; but he wishes for a little more help at the rope, that the landing may be made with all.

There is no doubt that "worldliness" is the greatest hindrance the Church of Christ

ever struck; but that can be overcome very quickly if all will pull—pull ourselves into line with all the work of the church, pull into the Sunday School, the prayer meeting, the mission society, the B. Y. P. U., the business meeting, making a full hand at everything toward which the church turns her hand. Why not?

The question of amusements is ever before us. Some settle it by patronizing everything that comes along. They live to be amused. Others, many others, would like to have some

How to Test Amusements.

innocent amusements restful to tired bodies and minds, if they could find such. Here is a test that will enable most earnest Christians to reach a very helpful solution to the whole question of amusements.

1. Do they rest and strengthen or weary and weaken the body?
2. Do they rest and strengthen or weary and weaken the brain?
3. Do they make it easier or harder to resist temptation?
4. Do they increase or lessen love for virtue, temperance, and purity?
5. Do they stupefy the intellect and harden the moral nature, or do they give inspiration and quicken enthusiasm for that that is good?
6. Do they diminish or increase respect for manhood and womanhood?
7. Finally, do they draw one nearer or remove one further from Christ?

In every successful race two things are essential: (1.) One must run rapidly; and

Let us Run.

(2.) He must run accurately. This is true whether applied to organized bodies in their activities or to individuals. Weakness at either one of these points is always a forerunner of defeat. It is readily manifest that the successful runner must bound with elastic step. It is equally true, but not always apparent, that he must run on a straight line. It is not the number of steps made, but the number made in a direct line, that counts.

One may run very rapidly, warbling now to the left and now to the right of a "bee line," and register ten thousand leaps, and yet because of his inaccurate course, find himself only a few feet from the starting point.

Paul's language, "Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us," might be paraphrased thus: Let us run rapidly and accurately. Many are running rapidly, they are going altogether fast enough. They are warbling all over creation. They "have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." There are others who place their feet very cautiously and accurately, but a snail's gate would

be rapid compared to theirs. The apostle referred to some who "did run well," and wonders why they ceased to do so. There is danger that we faint by the way. We need to take our speed and bearing each day, if we would accomplish the best results.

It seems that the practice which some evangelists have fallen into of counting converts rather extravagantly, is not indigenous to any particular climate, but thrives everywhere. Not long ago an English brother wrote to the London Baptist the following letter which intimates that there is some careless counting done in England:

"Baptismal Advertisement."

It is not so long ago that a letter appeared in your paper stating that "some churches had a list of membership and statistics for the 'Hand-book' and quite another report for the church." I could add to this statement by saying I have known of a church where the statistics sent for publication dare not be reported to the church. The pastor, "with the mania for baptizing and advertising" could not be expected to agree with views like mine, and, if he had been writing the acts of the early disciples, personal pronouns would have been plentiful enough. We all know him. In this, a "Northumbrian Baptist" supports my letter to an extent, but he has apparently been misled by Mr. Beaven's suggestion that I am opposed to Denominational Intelligence. I ask for honest intelligence and less of the personal advertisement, and I submit these are not contrary to making known God's blessing upon His Church.

I have never yet seen in your paper an item like either of these, much less a weekly series of them:

"At Windyfield, on Sunday last, three of John Smith's Bible class openly confessed the Lord Jesus Christ."

"At Sunnybank Mission room Sister Emily Brown led three of her scholars to the Savior last Sunday."

And if I were to see this kind of publication frequently recurring in these terms, I should have no better opinion of it than I have of the other personal advertisements that I complain of.

Let us have reports of blessing given, and of church activities as many as can be given; but let us as Baptists imitate more closely the early Church and the first disciples, and keep the personal element in its proper place, i. e., out of sight as far as possible, and not as in baptismal advertisements, reported as if designed for self-exaltation and publication of one's own name. I am far from saying these announcements are always made with this end in view, but I am fully sure they are and have been sometimes made for no other purpose, and, in my view, they are better left out if they cannot be given in a better form.

The writer is extreme, but the caution is worth our attention, even in rapid, progressive America. We should manifest and magnify Christ, and conceal ourselves.

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The Bible Idea of Hell.

The Scriptures speak as plainly about hell as they do about heaven. They entreat that all men escape the one and enter the other. Everywhere hell is spoken of as a place and state of awful agony, the fires of whose torment never go out, and the worm of whose agony never dies. No man ought to speak of hell only with tears in his eyes, and in deep and solemn tones. It is the most awful theme that God has ever permitted the human mind to contemplate. And when God speaks of its terrible and unending sorrows, it is done with a seriousness calculated to bring a holy hush upon every one who hears Him. Even so ought men never to speak of it lightly, as if it were a very small thing, as to whether a soul goes to hell, or heaven, for all eternity.

Hell is both a place and a state upon which the soul enters after death, from which it never escapes. It is a place of torment forever and ever. Its fire and brimstone are as literal to the spiritual man as material fire is to the physical man. The "rich man" when he lifted up his eyes in hell, said: "I am tormented in this flame;" and, when we have granted that the language is highly figurative, we have only added that much more to the sum total of the anguish of the lost; for behind every figure there is a fact, and in this instance so awful as not to be capable of being expressed, to finiteness, in simple speech. Now the figure is to the fact as the shadow to the substance; and, if the shadow of the substance, as set forth in the Scriptures, is that of a "lake of fire," of "flames," "torments," "eternal burnings," "weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth," what must the fact behind it all not be? If the shadow so terrifies the soul of man, what will that soul do when it is thrust upon the substance, reality behind the shadow?

Then hell is a place, essentially, of punishment. God has promised to reward those who believe upon His name and pun-

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ish those who refuse to so honor Him. It is the fixed penalty of sin. It is not for punishment's sake; but, it is in vindication of the law of God, which is true and righteous altogether. The commonwealth does not punish the murderer in order to prevent murder. While the punishment may, and does, have a deterrent influence, it is primarily, fundamentally, inflicted in vindication of the law that has been violated in cold blood. It is even so with God's holy law, every infraction of which is to be punished with eternal death, unless the soul repents.

The man has not yet been born of woman who does not believe, practically, in eternal punishment; and, for cause, will do his utmost to inflict it. When some awful crime has been committed, such as the murder of a whole family, while asleep, and the guilty man has been by due process of the law, "hung by the neck until dead," the nearest approach to eternal punishment man can inflict, every woman and child who hears of it, will clap their hands and say, Amen! It is right and just. Not because they take pleasure in seeing a human being writhe in pain, so much, not at all; but, because they believe in law, and because it has triumphed over its violator. So it is with God's law and the Governor of a State, personally, takes no pleasure in the death of a criminal, and would rather pardon than not, unless there be just cause for pardon; he must let the law take its course. It is even so with God; while "desiring not the death of any man," He must and does inflict eternal death upon every soul that does not take advantage of the clemency that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

While we may have "hell enough on earth," there is no hell on earth comparable to that that comes to the soul after death, that has not during life believed in God to the saving of the soul.

We believe that, in addition to making it the background of every sermon that is preached, every preacher in the land ought once every year of his life, earnestly, with tears in his eyes and sorrow in his heart, over the lost estate of man, preach this doctrine, pure and simple, to every congregation over which as religious instructor, he has been placed. In our own feeble ministry, we have tried to do this, and next to the "Precious blood of Christ," it has been the most satisfactory pulpit ministration we have ever performed.

What Thou Doest, Do Quickly.

What the churches do for foreign missions this year, will have to be done quickly, for only one more month remains before the year closes, April 30, at midnight. Every church in Mississippi, rich or poor, great or small, in town or country, ought to take a collection for Foreign Missions. It is the business of the pastor, God has made it so, to put the matter before the people, in an intelligent, Scriptural manner; and, if he does not do it, and the people fail to honor God with their gifts, the guilt will lie upon the pastor's head. If he does it, and then they fail to honor God with their

gifts, then their guilt rests upon their own unworthy heads.

No church ought to be satisfied to have "just a hat collection" merely. Talk about the matter in secret and in public to God. Then talk it all over with the brethren and sisters, privately and publicly; and then take the collection. In some of our churches, it would not be a bad idea to have a committee go round, just as is done in some protracted meetings to get money "for the visiting brother," and solicit contributions for missions. There is more Scripture on the latter subject than there is on the former; and, it is abundant and clear as crystal on both. Just keep everlastingly at it, is the way to get a good mission collection.

Don't let the well-to-do deacon wait for the pastor to lead off, for he is able. Neither let any pastor be found lagging behind, or very far behind his foremost giver. Don't let the pastor set a bad example by just enclosing a dollar in the envelope, and, too, without putting his name on it. Let him be a leader here as elsewhere, at least to the fullest stretch of his best ability. It is a shame and a scandal for a pastor to be stingy, and a lover of filthy lucre, as well as it is for any other man.

But whether the pastor gives or not, and he usually does, let the church give; let the pastor give—and let it all be done cheerfully and liberally as unto the Lord for such a giver is greatly loved of Him.

Notes and Comments.

The Religious Herald gave our "Note and Comment," in full, on the decent thing for papers to do with respect to their cut-rate prices, out of their own State.

Some folks are greatly interested in the collection that is to come off next, rather than the one now on. Take them as they come is the best way; and take every one of them along as you go.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is our Lord's last command, and, so long as we are in the world, it is our chief business to be up and at it—else prove disobedient unto him.

Miss Helen Criggs, daughter of Attorney General Criggs, under McKinley, created quite a sensation in Patterson, New Jersey, last week, by joining that absurdly foolish aggregation of modern cranks known as Christian Scientists.

We see from some of our exchanges that Bro. T. T. Martin's meeting in Meridian closed some three weeks ago. As the meeting was announced in these columns we fully expected that some of the brethren in Meridian would give our readers the results of the meeting, but so far they have not done so. We have had a business letter or two, from them, but never a word about the meeting. Those who want news ought to write the news. We wish brethren would do this, and especially so in times of revivals.

Some of our "up-to-date" exchanges are still telling it, for news, that Rev. W. P. Hines of Virginia lost his sermons on a railway train, and recovered damages for same. But they do not seem to have heard that he found them and refunded the money.

Don't be always telling your pastor how some body else does it. Be very considerate of his feelings. Keep in closest touch with him, and then your word will have weight with him. Keep his heart encouraged; for he has "a thousand and one" things to hinder him that you know not of, nor should.

Just as England was trying to assure herself that the war was over in South Africa the Boers surprised and captured Gen. Methuen, cutting his command all to pieces. They afterwards released the General, which puts England to shame in comparison with the way they hurried Cronje, "the Lion of South Africa," off to St. Helena.

The South Carolina Baptist "sorty" re-sents "South Carolina's Disgrace," and while it does not defend Tillman and McLaurin, asks us to sweep before our own door first, reminding us that "People who live in glass houses ought not throw stones," and calls for an opinion as to our recent unfortunate State Treasury affair. We gave our opinion then, while it was news, and have no space to repeat it now, this late day.

Rev. J. W. Peeples, pastor of the Methodist church at Wesson, must be thinking about joining the Baptists. He has written a book, a very small book to be sure, nevertheless a book, on "Water Baptism," from which it seems that he is restless in his mind on the subject. What a pity that John the Baptist, the apostles, deacon Philip, who "went down into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch," all the fathers, the reformers and the founders of Methodism, to say nothing about the scholarship of the world, up to this good hour, had not had a "Peeples" to teach the way of "Water Baptism" more perfectly. We doubt not that this book will take as high rank in the theological world as did Dr. Peeples' other little work on "Vaccination" in the medical world. We repeat: what a pity such a man did not speak earlier; it would have relieved Methodism of a very embarrassing position on the subject if he had! But the question is settled now, for Peeples has spoken!

We again call the attention of our readers to the advertisements of Patton & White, the big Piano and Organ dealers of this city. We wish to keep this firm continually before our readers for the reason that we know so well any dealings they may have with them will be perfectly satisfactory. They handle the best pianos and organs made and carry the largest stock in the State. Their terms are usually made to suit the customer and we are certain that any person wishing to buy an instrument cannot do better elsewhere.

Re-baptism.

A baptized disciple of Jesus, one who is willing to know the meaning and observe the requirements of his teaching, because of clearer views and deeper experiences of divine grace, comes to discredit and even deny the genuineness of his faith, and therefore the validity of his baptism. Since to him baptism without real faith is no baptism, he asks a repetition of the symbolic rite upon a new and satisfactory experience. Should the ceremony be repeated?

To every baptism there are two human parties—the minister as servant of the church who authorizes the appointed symbol, and the one who asks and receives it. Each of these has responsibility and privilege. If one seeks re-baptism, should the preacher administer it?

He acts under the royal commission—"Go make disciples of all nation, baptizing them." "Teach" in the authorized version means not only to cause one to learn about Christ, but to cause him to become his disciple, to make a disciple. If one under instruction claims discipleship to Jesus, the preacher is warranted in baptizing him, not upon the certainty of his faith or completeness of his discipleship, for these he could not know; but upon his confession of Jesus as Savior and Lord. He could do no more if he should repeat the rite indefinitely. He has given the impressive symbol of the one burial and resurrection of Jesus, and the solemn oath of allegiance to him. What more can he do?

But this is a matter of personal obedience. Does not the greater obligation and higher privilege belong to him who would obey? The preacher is only a means of obedience. What right has he to hinder the sincere and determined soul? Who dares to come between the redeeming Lord and the obedient Spirit?

It is clear that the baptism of a disciple of Jesus is regular and valid. It is also evident that there are grades of discipleship. In general, he who is under the instruction and training of a teacher is his disciple, as the disciples of Moses, of John, of the Pharisees. In the Gospels, in a wide sense, those are called disciples, who followed Jesus about, listened to his teaching, joined his party, became his adherents, and turned away from him before some great requirement. Then the twelve apostles especially are called disciples. In the Acts, disciples are those who confessed Jesus as Messiah.

There are also grades of faith by which men become disciples. Faith often means the acceptance of a proposition, believing that a thing is true, "that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" (John 20:31; I John 5:1). Then it means to believe a person, to credit his word, to accept his testimony (John 5:46, 47). In its highest grade, faith has reference to a person, and not simply to a fact, or even the truth in the fact. It passes from revelation to the revealing Christ, from redemption to the redeeming Savior, from the resurrection to the risen Lord. It believes, depends, rests upon him, believes into him, not only into his sacrificial death, but also into his Spirit,

into his life, into his living.

At what grade of faith and discipleship should one be baptized? "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." Who would refuse baptism to one born of God, even though in his infancy he might not clearly and fully comprehend the truth in the quickening fact which he believes? Accepting the commission in Mark as genuine, Jesus said: Preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved." Believeth what? evidently the gospel, which according to Paul is: "that Christ died for our sins . . . was buried . . . and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."

But he who seeks re-baptism did not understand when he was baptized in what sense "Christ died for our sins." Is one required to know how Jesus saves before he can really trust Him? Should he conclude that because he sees deeper and more clearly the way of salvation that his previous knowledge and trust are worthless? What assurance can he have that clearer views and enlarged faith may not discredit that upon which he now so confidently relies, and lead him to seek baptism yet again?

Without exception, those of my acquaintance who have desired re-baptism have come to doubt the genuineness of their faith under the insistence upon acceptance of the substitutionary character of Christ's atonement as the essential and all-sufficient ground of salvation. "If one sees and accepts the teaching that Jesus died in his stead he is saved. If he was baptized without a clear view and hearty acceptance of this doctrine the rite was invalid." Yet how many really trust in and depend upon Christ for salvation who know nothing, or but little, about different theories of the atonement. Jesus said, "faith that is in Me," and not in man's opinions about me. The child trusts his father for support and protection even though he knows but little about how he is going to do it. A soul may confidently rest on Christ for salvation though he does not understand how Christ will save and keep him.

Speaking out of an experience that has been born of trial, I would say to the perplexed soul that if you were sincere in your repentance and faith when you were baptized, however imperfect and weak you may have been, do not ask re-baptism. You could only be sincere and honest if the ordinance were repeated without end. Faith is more than an act done once for all, or even which may exist in its fruit. It is a believing character, a trustful and loving and devoted life. "He who is believing on the Son is having eternal life"—not he who believed has now a sure and joyful promise of everlasting life, and will enter upon it when he dies; but has as his present and enduring possession the life of the Eternal One, and has it in his trustful and loving character and life of faith. We should study the Gospel and Epistles of John, as well as the writings of Paul. If any man have the Spirit of Christ he is His.

H. F. SPROLES.

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Most Eventful Age.

A word to my friends before venturing some features of the times. I have been asked: "Why have you quit writing for our paper?" Well, it was not that I did not like the paper; nor that I failed to feel a good degree of interest in every good work of the Baptist in the State; nor that I ceased to think much and seriously of the amazing whirl of passing events; nor that I ever once forgot to hold in memory dear and esteemed friends. Well then; not to enter into detail, I have been much "on the wing," and sometimes weary in the flight. No one, who sees and thinks, questions that the events of the hour are most eventful. The affairs of a century past are crowded into a decade. Everything moves with a daily quickening speed. The day of patient waiting has fallen into oblivion. What cannot keep its must fall and lie by the wayside. It is now the "battle of the ages." Advances have outstripped all calculations. All things tend to a climax, and the world is pushing and hastening to a new era. Some of the old will remain good; and at each upheaval strike deeper its roots and send forth its latent vigor. And not a little of the new, as it tries to pass the testing ordeal, will be swept from its feet by the on-rushing flood.

Steam and electricity are playing their part. By their use nations are becoming door neighbors, being brought face to face in all the thrilling interests of kingdoms and empires. Each day the interchange of commodities and of ideas becomes more convenient and rapid. New issues and new interests spring before us, as if moved by the power of magic. Asia is waking from her long sleep, benumbing stupor and blinding superstition. China, however unwilling, must join the line of march, impelled by the strength of irresistible forces. The "dark continent" cannot long remain the home of wild animals and snakes. Already the islands of the seas feel the shock, and with wonder dread to behold the advance of aggressing armies.

All the while, letters are in the lead. The printing press is throwing light over multitudes who have long been shrouded "in the region and shadow of death." Today men are stronger, more intelligent, and live longer than the generation of fifty years ago. Whether more righteous or wicked, just now, I leave the reader to judge for himself. But one thing I affirm: no human agency can stop the wheels or turn them back.

Sound philosophy and true religion need to seize the ever moving forces and guide them into proper channels. The opportunities and wants of the hour demand that every one should look well to his bearings, and as far and well as he can, "be a hero in the strife." And as coming events cast their shadows before, no less do deeds of the past throw light upon the present, and in a good degree light up the morning of the future. We need never waver, when we find many of lazy brain and of any heart, who stand against a prophetic forecast, and equally averse to a peep

into historic record.

And then too, for peace and harmony, we should look with a little leniency upon children who have wiser grown than their parents. And more, we should have no ordinary degree of compassion for young men, who feel superior to their venerable elders. And why? Because the glitter and glare, the rush and gush of the age, with the pomp, splendor, and polish of this generation, bewilder the young mind, intoxicate the heart; and thus, with little discrimination, relegate ancient things to a "back number." Yet, "all is well that ends well." Many things good and some that are bad may be said of this age and generation. But enough here and now.

Fraternally,

A. P. COPELAND.

Alligator, Miss.

Fannin Church.

It was a joy to see the good report from Fannin by Brother Allen some time ago. For the brethren to say it reminded them of the good days when M. T. Martin and R. A. Cooper were their pastors was unexpected because unmerited so far as the latter is concerned. But their kind mention and association of my name with that of dear and lamented Bro. M. T. Martin fixed me in the purpose of doing what I had many times thought to do, viz: write something of those days.

Bro. Martin preached at Fannin the year before I did. One or more joined by experience at almost every one of his appointments. Among them was Bro. "Winch" White who was a great burly saloon keeper. He loved to tell his Christian experience—Now the first time he heard Bro. Martin he told his wife on the door-step on leaving the house that he would never hear him again. He did hear him however, at another church where the circumstances compelled him to go to church or keep at home the family of his host who were warm in their commendations of the preaching. To use Bro. W's expression, "At this time he got me down and I never got up again until I got up trusting in Jesus." What a great big handed, big bodied, big souled Christian he did make! His giant strength was chained by the gentleness of love, and all was on the altar of his church and the good of man.

My eyes overflow with tears of love as I call to memory the faithful, Godly Winchester White! My ministry was not blessed with large gatherings—only one by baptism, but some things I have not forgotten.

There was some persecution in those days. Deacon J. E. Noble, one of God's true noblemen, was struck on the face with clinched fist; but he suffered it with great patience. I am told that he who dealt the blow was afterwards converted on his deathbed and baptized into the fellowship of the very church against which he was once so mad. Had it occurred to you, dear reader, that if your enemy is converted, you have one enemy less and one more friend—a brother? Pray for your enemies. Then how God's patience and

goodness are manifested in such conversions.

I remember too, the scourge that hung so heavy over Fannin that year. Five members of one little Sunday-school class died—Miss Belle Star, a devoted teacher, was brought home from Louisiana a corpse. That December when the deacon's report was being read, it was found that although Miss Belle, who was supporting herself, had died in mid-year, she had contributed \$5.00 to pastor's salary and several dollars to missions. The deacon's little daughter, Lena, also, who had died in the scourge, had several credits—contributions to various missions. While Deacon Noble was reading that report his tongue refused to act, his eyes swam and we all sat and wept silently together.

But the noblest thing was done by Fannin after I left. The church undertook to educate an orphan girl at Blue Mountain at a cost of some \$200 a year. It was the daughter of the man converted on his deathbed. Some of us succeed in "working an association up" to support a young preacher who has promised to devote his whole life to preaching the gospel; but who of us has ever got a poor country church to undertake all alone to support an orphan girl at our best college? To me belongs no credit for this, as the leaders of the movement were brought into the church through the preaching of M. T. Martin; and, I think, C. L. Lewis or J. P. Hemby was pastor at the time.

For a weak church to support her own pastor, contribute to our various objects of benevolence and then support their own orphan in one of our best colleges, challenges my admiration. I thank God for them. I rejoice that I have ever sustained any relationship to them. I sometimes feel that I would give ten years of my life to visit all my old charges again, but that is not in sight. Give them my love and tell them that "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth."

At peace behind the Blood.

F. A. COOPER.

Query.

There is a great deal said about drunkenness and temperance. I want every person who will, to write me a personal letter, answering this question: How much whisky does a man have to drink before he is a drunkard or an intemperate man?

M. L. WILLIAMS.

Baxterville, Miss.

A Dramatic Scene.

FOR THE BAPTIST.

In the early fifties Elder John P. Martin and Elder John Moffett lived neighbors in the southern part of Smith County, Miss., and were members of Clear Creek Baptist Church. Both were old men and might be classed as pioneer preachers. Martin was the father of Elder M. T. Martin, and was a somewhat singular character. With an inimitable roughness and plainness of speech he had great tenderness of heart and unshaken fidelity to Bible truth. Sound in faith and as near destitute of fear prob-

ably as any intelligent human being ever was, and yet there was something winning about him which combined with more than average ability made him a very successful minister. Moffett was an able preacher and sound in faith, but, when I knew him as an old man, he was liable at times to forget his whole sermon before he had fairly begun it. On such occasions he would immediately sit down without preaching.

On one occasion I visited Clear Creek Church, and Martin and Moffett were in the pulpit and Moffett was to preach first. After the opening services he rose in the pulpit and read the portion of Scripture he intended to expound and spoke a very few words and stopped. The he said "Brethren I have lost the thread of my discourse" and started to sit down. He got so far that his head was as low as his waist and Martin stopped him, persuading him that he would find the "thread" of his discourse by trying a little longer. A large congregation were sitting quietly in perfect silence and good order. Moffett standing bent over and Martin talking to him in a very low tone. I was sitting near them where I had a full view of both preachers. Moffett's countenance looked as though his mind was far away and he did not hear a word Martin was saying. They remained in that position seemingly five minutes but I suppose not more than two when suddenly a change came over Moffett's countenance. It looked as though a bright light had suddenly illuminated his whole face. He straightened up and turned to the congregation and preached one of the best sermons I ever heard. Like Bunyan he got hold of his "thread," and pulled and pulled and still it came till it was a grand gospel sermon. Most of those who heard and saw the scene have passed over the river and I thought the incident was worth recording. Not many could see into the old fashioned pulpit, so well as I could and if there is one living witness now besides myself, who had as good a chance to see, I do not know it.

N. L. ROBERTSON.

Some Reflections.

At the close of two scores of my life, I review with pleasure the fact that I have enjoyed the reading of your valuable paper from childhood. I hand Bro. Mathis \$2.00 for renewal, and shall be a reader of the paper until I am called higher to reap the reward of one who believes in the meek and lowly Jesus. I hope that our Brother will not rest until he puts THE BAPTIST in every home.

We are glad to note that Mt. Zion Church is progressing finely under the pastorate of our young brother, J. B. Quinn, who holds the love and esteem of all, who has a bright future before him in the work of our blessed Master. We have several candidates now awaiting for baptism and are continually increasing in number. We have paid our pastor's salary, rebuilt and painted our church, and hope to be able to co-operate with Bro. Lowrey with the college endowment, as well as contribute our part to the cause of missions. We hope to

do more for our blessed Lord this year than ever before. Pray for us that we may do these things.

J. M. McGehee.

Little Springs, Miss.

Ordination.

On fourth Monday in February, S. M. Cole, J. W. Caldwell and the writer met at Pleasant Ridge Church in response to a call by the church to ordain Bro. J. B. Cole, son of S. M. Cole. The Presbytery organized by electing S. M. Cole to the chair and the writer as Secretary. The writer to preach the sermon and examine the candidate, after which we engaged in prayer, led by Bro. S. M. Cole.

Bible was presented and charge given by J. W. Caldwell, after which we gave Bro. Cole the hand of fellowship, welcoming him into the gospel ministry. Then benediction by J. B. Cole. Bro. Cole was educated at Tula, Houston and Clinton. He is a coming young man, sound on the doctrine and faith of the Bible. Therefore we recommend him to the great Baptist denomination.

J. F. MITCHELL.

Which is it?

The following note or comment: "The precious blood of Christ by which we are redeemed, was real genuine blood, without the shedding of which there could have been no remission of sin," which appeared in THE BAPTIST of February 20, elicited a right interesting and lively discussion between some brethren. In the arguments some held with THE BAPTIST as above quoted that it was the "real genuine blood" that redeems us and by which our sins are remitted, while others contended that the real genuine blood of Jesus Christ has nothing to do with redeeming us or remitting our sins and that "blood" in connection with redemption and remission is never used in a literal but always in a figurative sense and means life rather than the red fluid that coursed the arteries and veins of the human body of the Lord of glory. Perhaps something further on the subject in THE BAPTIST from the editor and other writers would prove interesting and instructive. Make haste to send one of your canvassers up this way. I have promised the people that one was coming and I stand ready to aid all I can in extending circulation of our paper.

T. J. MOORE.

Lena, Miss.

The Delta Worker's Conference.

No one who attended either of the previous sessions of this body of Delta Workers—at Shelby, at Belzoni—or at Lula—will be likely to miss the one that is just ahead of us at Indianola. I have been in a good many meetings in my life, but I believe, that for pure spiritual uplift, I have never seen anything that quite equaled the "Delta Workers' Conference." We do not mean by "Workers" that the Delta people do it all. On the other hand, a large part of our blessings come from the work we get out of our beloved brethren who come

to us from outside the Delta. For instance, we always expect, and lean upon Bro. W. T. Lowrey; Bro. Rowe never fails us—and you, Mr. editor—have helped us much, though we missed you on two occasions, but must have you now.

Last year Bro. Boon came down from Memphis and we enjoyed him immensely. We will go from Greenville strong this year—singers and all. We are expecting Dr. Sproles to bring Brethren Anderson, Griffith, McCabe and others from Vicksburg. We need the presence of Delta business men. We beg you brethren to come, you need the meeting and the meeting needs you.

We all ask God to give us our greatest meeting this time—that we in turn may give Him our best year's service in trying to take the Delta for Christ.

Indianola is the place, Thursday night, March 27, to Sunday night, March 30th.

Yours truly,

STACY LORD.

Greenville, March 15th.

We clip the following from The States-Graphic, Brownsville, Tenn:

In the Pulpits.

On last Sunday evening the pastors of the various churches omitted their services, and all the congregations in the city worshipped at the Baptist church. It was a form of welcome extended to the new minister, Rev. J. B. Lawrence, who has recently assumed the pastorate of that church. Every available seat was filled by an appreciative audience. The preacher took his text from Isa. 12:13: "I will make a man more precious than fine gold," and gave an able psychological view of both man's moral and intellectual natures, closing with an appeal which reached the hearts of all hearers. Mr. Lawrence is a man of pleasing personal address, fine colloquial and oratorical powers, and reaches his climax in the direct and forceful style calculated to produce lasting impressions upon his audience. His pastorate has begun under most auspicious circumstances, and the Baptist church is to be congratulated upon their selection of a minister.

Endowment Plan.

1. The first payment should be in cash or in a note payable by June 1st, 1902; the other four payments should be four notes payable Jan. 1st, 1903, Jan. 1st, 1904, Jan. 1st, 1905, Jan. 1st, 1906—no interest until maturity.

2. For payment of \$5.00 a year and upwards we are using an endowment bond with notes attached; for smaller payments, we use simple notes. I will send bonds or notes when called for to be signed and returned.

3. If some one wants to give and can't make a payment this year, let him divide his amount into four and give four notes, payable Jan. 1st, 1903, 4, 5 and 6.

4. If any one is unwilling to give notes let him give cash of any amount from one cent up.

5. Remember that on July first, we must have \$45,000.00 in cash or legal notes; if we fail, we lose the \$15,000.00 offered by the Education Society. To fail would be a disaster. If we fail we shall always know that the pastors could have had it otherwise.

W. T. LOWREY.

"The Coming Glory."

J. T. FREEMAN.

The following sentiment I expressed some ten years since and thought as the millennial question is coming to the front, as it ought frequently, I therefore request a republishing, as it may edify some.

Since writing the first article on this subject, I have read in a daily paper an attack on Christianity by "Onida," a celebrated licentious, but brilliantly talented writer, who pronounces it a failure. Very well. Wise and learned men, equally as licentious and talented said so at the crucifixion of our Lord. But what of it, did it fail? Or has it failed? Do not millions of men and women today say with Pauline earnestness, if not with his strength, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes." And do not these millions make the word of God, in some measure the rule of their actions, and though they fall short of their great standard, our Lord, the Christ, yet compared with the heathen of ancient times or the savage nations of today, they are as angels of light, to everyone who will look at them by comparison, the true standard, when we would know what Christianity has done. A failure indeed! When all the glory of the present day of civilization and art and science is due to the elevating influence upon the intellect as well as heart of man. But I do not propose to enter further into that argument, but throw out this germinal thought as I pass along. The purpose of these articles is to speak of the coming glory of the cross and its future wonder-working influence and grand possibilities, as may be inferred from the ways of the Lord in the past, and the "exceeding great and precious promises" with reference to the future, which have not yet been fulfilled.

In my earlier ministerial life, I was led to adopt the views of Andrew Fuller, of England, of Hinton and Waller, with many others of Baptists of America besides Cummings of the Presbyterian church, London, and Nathan Lord, editor of a Theological Magazine of New Hampshire, all of whom agreed on the near approach and speedy advent of the Lord upon earth in *propria persona*, to reign a thousand years, commonly called the millennium. Granting their premises, it seemed that they clearly proved their conclusions. But the end did not come. The world moves and Christianity, like its great founder, is the same today as it was yesterday, only growing more rapidly and spreading more widely purifying and overturning and will eventually turn the world of mind and thought, of men and morals, upside down, as it always does, when Christ, through his spirit, makes men "willing in the day of his power." The power is increasing. The whirr of wheels, the plowing of the great deep with the mighty steamship, the running to and fro of men of commerce, merely facilitate the movements and spread of Christianity. We have no new revelation but we are gaining inspiration of the same

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spirit which is promised to be with his people even to the end of the world. (Christian age.)

The living witnesses are increasing in numbers, and equally as earnest in attesting the internal consciousness of the spirit working in them "to will and to do" the will of God. This "internal consciousness of the truth" of the Bible, is the support and momentum of the Scriptures. Where this term "internal consciousness" is expressed in a more common and comprehensible phrase, it means personal experience of grace in the heart. It is to this, Paul refers as an objective illustration, in nearly every chapter of his epistles. It is legislated against, however, as far as grave lectures can legislate, by some eminent divines who teach a modesty in style, that precludes the propriety of alluding to our personal experience in our pulpit exercises. Paul's experience, not of Damascus only, but the working of grace through God's providences all through his life forms a large part of his Scriptures. Read his first chapter to Romans, as well as first chapter to Philipians, as well as in one hundred other places, and see how much personal experience worked in him and through him, under inspiration of the spirit. Not the revealing inspiration, but the prompting, impulsing inspiration which we all may have and I trust do have.

But more of that later. The gospel is overturning and revolutionizing in a quiet and to the careless observer, imperceptible way, all the time, and seems to be more active and externally perceptible of late years, than at former times.

For instance, the time of universal peace among the nations seems reasonably proximate. Watch the growth of the arbitration spirit, as demonstrated practically by England and the United States, soon after the late war. See the gigantic growth of the National Peace Commission, of which little is said by the cosmopolitan dailies, but which contains in its membership, some of the most eminent men in five or more of the first nationalities of the world.

In the conclusion of the pan-American Congress, recently assembled at Washington by invitation of our Congress and President to the various American Republics of South America as of our country, to take into consideration commercial interests international conventionalities, they concluded their session of several months by a treaty, that they would leave all vexed questions, which might threaten a conflict of arms to arbitration.

This means that the 18th chapter of Matthew is rapidly becoming the rule for nations as well as individuals. But before we go further on this part of the subject, we must turn back and see some of the hindering causes of a more rapid approach to thorough reformation in churches and States. The one must, and will accompany the other.

Now let us talk a little about the "Prince of this world" as Christ calls him; "The Prince of the power of the air," etc., after awhile.

J. T. F.

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To the Children.

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DEAR CHILDREN: The printer made me say in my 6th letter that the grocery-keeper kept a rock with which to knock down drunkenness. What I wrote was, "To knock down drunken men."

There is no rock that will knock drunkenness down, but the Rock that followed Moses through the wilderness—I Cor. 10:4. You remember that I told you "All men made mistakes." Printers make mistakes, sometimes; but they have so much poor chirography and orthography to print from, I wonder that they do so well.

The year 1855, was one of the happiest years of my life, after the death of my parents, but there were times, even then, when my heart would ache with the loneliness of orphanhood. My brothers and my new sister were very kind to me, and I loved them dearly. I was allowed to do pretty much as I pleased, and I felt as gay and free as the fawns that gambled on the sloping hillsides or ran fleet-footed before the yelping hounds. I did not have much to do after mid-day. The primitive forest, with all its beauty and grandeur surrounded, as a wall, our quiet country home. In these woodland wilds squirrels, turkeys and deer abounded. I spent many happy hours rambling over hill and dell in pursuit of this game, and in gathering the rich brown chestnuts that were so plentiful at that time. There was a beautiful stream that coursed its winding way through our farm. In the clear, blue waters of this lovely creek, I used to bathe and fish; and along its moss-covered and vine-embowered banks, I delighted to wander hunting for birds' nests and wild flowers, and listening to the music of the babbling brook, the joyous notes of the singing birds and the gentle sighing of the passing breeze as it move in the dense foliage above me. Sometimes wearied with rambling, I would lie down on some mossy knoll and look up through the overarching tree-tops at the spots of blue sky that opened up like windows through the leafy canopy.

At such times my mind would revert to by-gone days and scenes. I would think of that evening prayer with mother and that day at church with mother, and then of mother in heaven. Tears would come unbidden in my eyes and sadness fill my heart. The entire scene would undergo a change to me. The happy joyous bird notes would soften into plaintiveness; the limpid purling water that, erstwhile, had danced and laughed and rippled o'er its pebbly bed in gleeful melody, now gurgled in subdued tones the wails of disconsolateness; and the gentle breeze would sigh among the leaves like a funeral dirge over departed hope; and O how sad and lonely I would feel. But soon the fountain of tears would be exhausted. The mist would clear away, and the dirge and melancholy would give place to youthful gladness and buoyancy.

The sun always seems to shine brighter after the storm, and children, did you know that there is an indefinable pleasure

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in certain kinds of sadness? There is a grief that softens the heart, mellows the spirit and smooths the asperities of our nature. Such was the effect of these periods of sadness in my young life. Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning.

UNCLE GEORGE

The Work of the Hour.

It goes without saying that the wide awake pastors and churches are all pushing the cause of missions as the work of the hour. Collections are now the order of the day. The time is short, and rapidly the days are passing. It will not do to let one opportunity go unimproved. The winter has been long and cold, and the Sundays particularly unpleasant, so that congregations have been small, and collections often smaller than usual. Yet the work has gone on with some degree of success.

Blue Mountain, always on time, rolls up \$153.00 for Foreign Missions, while Clinton sends \$132.00 with more to follow, and thus our two great school towns teach and practise missions, nor will our girls at Columbus be without object lessons in this same subject, for in addition to \$127.00 already in hand, they will finish up their Foreign Mission collection this month. Canton, where there is as good a Cooper as ever followed the trade, sends \$71.00 for the same cause. Greenwood in parting with her young pastor, gives \$73.00 to State missions, and this will let Brownsville across the line know what she may expect from his leadership. Batesville paid her subscription to Seminary fund, and \$24.00 to Home Missions. At Cassella is Ashland Church, and Brother Rice is staple there, as also the cause of missions to which they send \$36.00 with more to come. At Sherman, Poplar Springs, and Cherry Creek, they have been saddened as they walked in the valley of the shadow with Pastor Beasley and wife, who have given back to our loving Father one of the little ones that brightened their home, but this did not interfere with missions, which reach in these churches near \$200.00, in spite of the poor crop that prevailed throughout this section. Tupelo made a leap forward in State Missions, surpassing all previous records, an even \$50.00 when it is all in. By the by, what a beauty that new house is, how proud they are that the debt is rapidly disappearing. Wilkinson is getting things well in hand, is much esteemed by the community, and loved by his people. Oxford sends a mixed contribution of \$91.92 to missions, sustentation, and the orphans. Another much like it is from Greenville of \$174.00. Ellisville maintains her reputation in sending the largest contributions to sustentation, that not because she is richer or better than others, I ween, but—well, Bowen is there with a heart beating tenderly for the old preacher, and he asks his people for it and they give it.

Do not put off your collection to the last Sunday before the Convention. It might not be a good day, or sickness might inter-

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here, or a number of things. "What thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." A. V. ROWE.

Twentieth Century Fund.

THE BAPTIST:—

We venture to call the attention of your readers to the Twentieth Century Fund. Which the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland is seeking to raise. Our friends, the Wesleyans of Great Britain, have already raised one million guineas, but we are aiming at £250,000. Our effort is to close on May 1st, and at present we have promises for about £200,000.

We trust that it is not out of place if we appeal for help from members of our Denomination in other lands. It is true that the Fund is to be devoted to the extension of the Baptist Denomination in Great Britain and Ireland, and that each section of the Baptist world has its own needs and burdens. But the Wesleyans have already received £20,000 from their brethren in other countries, and we trust that the solidarity of Baptist sentiment and conviction is not less real and strong than among them. Baptists everywhere share in and are proud of a common inheritance and tradition. The great names of Bunyan, Carey, and Spurgeon belong to the whole Baptist world. We have enriched our life with multitudes of our best sons and daughters. The interchange of pastors and preachers is more frequent than ever before. If it were an ordinary occasion we should not turn to you, but we have entered upon a task which more than taxes our powers. Moreover, the entire scheme is extraordinary in its magnitude and issues.

There are doubtless many in every land who recall the old country with affection, or who look back with reverence and love upon the time of their childhood, and the parents long since passed away, but who were connected with our churches. It is a beautiful feature of this movement that we have an "In Memoriam Roll," on which our people commemorate their dead. Sunday, March 23rd, has been set apart for a simultaneous collection in Great Britain for the Century Fund, and it would be a beautiful and golden link if ministers throughout the Baptist world would receive offerings on our behalf on that day, and thus make the collection imperial and universal.

We shall gratefully appreciate it if ministers will notice this letter from their pulpits, and offer to receive contributions on our behalf.

All contributions should be remitted to the Rev. J. H. Shakespeare, M. A., Baptist Union, 19 Furnival Street, London, E. C. Believe us to be,

Yours fraternally,

ALEXANDER MACLAREN, B.A., D.D.,
Manchester. (Pres. Baptist Union.)
JOHN CLIFFORD, M.A., LL.B., B.Sc.,
D.D., London.
E. G. GANGE, F.R.A.S., London.
J. G. GREENHOUGH, M.A., Leicester.
CHARLES WILLIAMS, Accrington,
Ex-Presidents.

Gallman.

I believe I can safely say, things are on the up-grade at Gallman. Bro. Cohron came to us a rank stranger, but he is just getting right hold of our people and they are beginning to find it out. We are getting our Sunday-school on foot and in good working order again. Had sixty present yesterday morning. You will likely hear from us later. Pray for us.

Sincerely,
C. S. CURTIS.

Gloster.

Yesterday was a good one with us. Large crowds, four additions to the church. Our College Endowment collection up to date is \$2,026.50. Brethren think we could do better, if it were to be gone through with again.

Next week after Bro. Lowrey was here the good ladies collected about \$100.00 to improve the church building, deacons went round to collect on pastor's salary. Now the church is ahead on salary—church pays monthly. If all the pastors who are not paid up could get a good collection for the endowment, the churches would wake up and pay up the salary—and all other debts. How some brethren and churches rest while in debt. Gloster, 1st Church, by the help of God, in five years, has built up on the ruins of an almost wrecked church, one of the strongest in the State. To God be all the praise. I just want to say a good endowment collection would help the churches.

Fraternally,

JOHN P. CULPEPPER.
Monday, Gloster, Miss.

Mrs. Clara B. Hoffman.

Mrs. Clara B. Hoffman, one of the ablest platform speakers of our day, eloquent, logical, strong, convincing, will be in this State in March, under the auspices of the State W. C. T. U. Mrs. Hoffman has such a heart of love and tenderness as is given to but few, and she will do good wherever she lectures. It will cost only her railroad fare from the last point to yours, entertainment, and the privilege of a collection at the close. She will pass down the M. & O. R. R. after March 24th. Secure one of her lectures.

W. H. PATTON.
Shubuta, Miss., Feb. 28, 1902.

Blue Mountain.

J. N. M.

Yesterday was Home Mission day. The offering was something more than \$100. Large congregations at both hours.

The Second Sunday in May will be State Mission day.

A very interesting meeting of the Union in the afternoon. There is also in progress systematic study of the Bible by a vigorous class of our young people. They are doing most excellent work.

A good Baptist dentist, wanting a good location, will do well to write to R. S. Gavin, Quitman, Miss.

Third Period of the Galilean Ministry.

Journey Toward Tyre and Sidon. Matt. 15:21-31, Mark 7:24-37. The rest so much desired for himself and his disciples, not having been obtained by withdrawing across the sea to Bethsaida, Jesus now decided to make a tour through Phœnicia the coast country. He would have no man know it, when He had entered into the borders of Phœnicia, but He could not be hid. There happened at this time just what had always happened to him before, the distressed sought Him for help. It was here that the heathen woman, the Syro-Phœnician, sought Him to cast out a devil from her daughter. This woman most earnestly and humbly besought Jesus, throwing herself prostrate at His feet, showing a willingness to be accounted even as a dog and to eat of the crumbs that fell from the master's table. Such humility and such faith was enough and the Lord sent her away with the full assurance that her daughter would be healed.

Jesus next turned from the borders of Phœnicia and "making a long circuit through the territory of Sidon, He descended—probably through one of the passes of the Hermon range—into the country of the Tetrarch Philip. Thence He continued through the midst of the borders of Decapolis till He once more reached the eastern, or southeastern shore of the Lake of Galilee," and He went up into the mountain and there were brought to Him the lame, the blind, the dumb, and the maimed whom He healed. At this time a deaf mute was brought whose ears He opened and whose tongue He loosed. The people were much astonished, and said He had done well, inasmuch as He had made the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand. The signed demanded by the Pharisees and Sadducees. Matt. 15:32-16:12. Mark 8:1-21. Jesus, it seems, had been with the multitude three days in the mountain near the sea, and of course they were very tired and hungry. The Lord therefore ordered the disciples to give the people something to eat. But in order to do this He again supplied food by the miraculous power and out of the small supply of seven loaves and a few small fishes He fed four thousand men besides the women and children. Seven baskets of fragments were gathered up.

After the feeding of the multitudes, Jesus sent them away and He and His disciples came by boat across into the borders of Magdala. Here it was that the Pharisees and Sadducees came to Him and by way of tempting Him demanded a sign from heaven. This request was very grievous to the Lord, because it brought into bold relief their lack of understanding the signs of the times. He emphatically assured them that no sign would be given and departed from them and entered His boat, to

cross to the other side. His disciples also came with Him, but they had forgotten to carry bread. Jesus took this occasion to warn them against the leaven of the Pharisees. The disciples did not understand His meaning but He explained to them that He only referred to the Pharisaic teachings.

The Blind Man at Bethsaida. Mark 8:22-26. Jesus came to Bethsaida and there was brought to Him a blind man. The Lord carried him out of the village and after having restored to him his sight sent him home requesting him not even to enter the village.

[The last two articles in the series by Prof. Aven should both have been No. V, and not VI and VII. They are parts of No. V. This begins No. VI.—Ed.]

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To Every Pastor.

(Please read all this.)

DEAR BROTHER:

The American Baptist Education Society's promise was, that they would give us \$15,000.00, if by July, 1902, we would raise \$45,000.00. One-fifth of ours must be in cash and the other four-fifths in legal notes, payable in four annual installments. The Board of trustees, by unanimous vote, and the State Convention, by unanimous vote, asked me to take charge of the matter and raise the amount with the help of the pastors and other friends.

I have been able to visit only about 20 churches. I shall probably be able to visit 10 or 12 more. Most of the strong churches have already been visited. Outside of the churches visited by me I know of only four pastors who have taken collections. J. E. Wills raised \$350.00 at Mars Hill; J. P. Williams has raised \$453.00 in his field and W. H. Thompson raised \$100.00 at Pheba. One other brother raised \$1.60; God bless him, he did not propose to be out of fellowship because his church was weak. By July first, we must raise \$12,000.00. I can raise \$7,000.00 of it. Will the pastors raise \$5,000.00 outside of the churches I shall visit? Fifty pastors can do it in thirty days if they will. Will you do your part, brother?

In love of the cause,

W. T. LOWREY.

At the hour of going to press we receive the following telegram:

REV. T. J. BAILEY, JACKSON, MISS:

Seven hundred on Holcomb's field.

W. T. LOWREY.

Bro. Holcomb's field is on the Gulf & Ship Island railroad and largely mission ground, yet he and Dr. Lowrey raised for the endowment \$700.00. A fine showing.

Miss Cora Martin, now traveling and lecturing in the State in the interest of temperance, is not doing so under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., either local, State or national.

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—Our Northern and Eastern Baptist brethren are mourning the death of Gen. J. B. Estey, who, like the late Stephen Greene, gave much of his time and money to the cause of Christ. He was a brother to the man of Estey organ fame.

—Last Lord's day the editor preached for the Brandon people who are at present without a pastor. The day was all that could be desired as to the weather, and the congregation was large and very attentive. The Lord was present, and a good service blessed the gathering.

—Preparatory to the laying of the corner stone of two new buildings at Baylor University, Dr. B. H. Carroll, Sunday, March 3, preached his great sermon on "The Christian Use of Wealth," and, for one hour and a half he held his audience at his will. There is but one B. H. Carroll.

—Out of 119 counties in Kentucky 90 are in the prohibition column. In the United States 60,000,000, or about two-thirds of the population live under prohibition laws. The good time is coming when not a saloon will be allowed in any part of the country. May it speed on its way.

—Pastor Loveless, of Eupora, writes cheering words about the Baptists there. The church owns a good meeting house and preacher's home. It is refreshing to receive these breezy notes from hard worked pastors. Eupora is a good town, and the Baptist influence predominant.

—The Jackson College (colored), as before mentioned in these columns, has sold the property which it now occupies, and the management has not yet determined what shall be done next. Pending a decision in the matter, considerable interest is manifesting itself among both white

and colored in this city. About \$800.00 have been raised by white residents of the city and about \$300.00 by the colored, making something like \$1,100.00 in all to date, to be offered the college as an inducement for it to remain in this city. It is to be hoped that the Home Mission Society will not withdraw this great work from the State. Such a course would be nothing short of a calamity to the religious and educational interests in the State.

—Bro. J. C. Bruce, of Brandon, is in his 82nd year, and is still an active church goer and worker. He has been actively connected with Sunday School work about seventy years; was born in Caroline county, Va.; has been a continuous subscriber to the Religious Herald since 1847—55 years; and a subscriber to the Baptist papers in Mississippi since 1859. His life is full of years and fruit. Sanctified age is a blessed legacy to transmit to posterity.

—Prof. Booth Lowrey, of Blue Mountain, reached high water mark last Sunday night in his address, "Why Daniel Became President," delivered in the First Baptist Church. Unless we greatly err, the address cannot fail of the accomplishment of great and lasting good, physically, mentally and morally. We would advise that every church that possibly can do so, would have him deliver this most splendid address to its young people.

—Last September Bro. Chas. L. Lewis, of Raymond, organized a new church about seven miles west of Flora. The name of the church is Lula; material is on the ground for the building; there are thirty-seven members, and the outlook is full of promise. Bro. Lewis is second to none in the State in faithfulness to the

cause. He is doing some fine mission work over on Big Black. He has just handed us a nice list of new subscribers from this field.

—Kitchener had a railroad built almost all around Dewet and had two hundred thousand men with which to close in upon the wily old champion of his people's liberty, and just as Kitchener thought he had him, Dewet stampeded a herd of cattle right through the British lines, and with the cattle also went Dewet's men.

—Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke, professor of English Literature in Princeton University, the well known preacher and author, delivered the sixteenth course of the "Thomas Lectures" at Richmond College on February 16th and 17th. It is reported that the lectures were of a very high order and that the seating capacity of the College chapel was inadequate to the large crowds.

—The octogenarian millionaire, Cornelius Vanness, of New York, was baptized in the River Jordan, by the Rev. William K. Hall, of Newberg, N. Y. It has been his desire to thus be baptized for years, and went for that special purpose. Any "creek" in America would have done just as well, save for the sentiment connected with it. It will now be in order for our Paedo-Baptist brethren to show that the Jordan is not deep enough to baptize a man, or too swift, one or the other, or both. They will get around it, somehow.

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THE HOME.

Jim's Sweetheart.

Mother put on her Sunday best,
Her lilac wedding gown,
And white straw bonnet neatly tied
With strings of faded bows.
We woke before the roosters crowed
And started in the dew.
To see the boat race—for our Jim
Was captain of the crew.
You see, six olive branches came
To bless our honest love—
Five slumber in the churchyard green
With little stones above.
But one was left in mother's arms—
Stern death was kind to him.
The youngest of our tiny flock,
The sturdy baby Jim.
He took it in his curly head
To want a college course.
I parted with the pasture lot
And sold the sorrel horse.
We sent him every dollar saved
And made a seedy pair
In garments that had long outlived
Their days of useful wear.
We did not want to shame our boy,
And so kept out of sight.
Behind a row of waving flags
And fluttering kerchiefs white.
But when the slender scout swept by,
The rival crews abreast,
We both forgot our shabby clothes
And shouted with the rest.
The surging throng closed up in front—
We could not see our son.
But soon a mighty cheer went up
And told us Jim had won.
The crowd took up the college yell
And sent it to the skies.
And college colors everywhere
Shook out their brilliant dyes.
He stepped ashore, looked up and saw
His mother's wrinkled face
And hurried to her through the ranks
Of broadcloth, silk and lace.
He never gave a single glance
Toward the pretty girls.
But kissed her on the withered lips
And kissed her silver curls.
His unburnt face was glowing
With proud and happy smiles.
He did not mind because his hat
Was years behind the styles.
But led her out before his friends,
A figure quaint and prim.
In stiff, old-fashioned lilac silk—
"My sweetheart, boys," said Jim—
—Anonymous.

Insect Vandals.

The Huns and Vandals of the insect world are undoubtedly the marching army ants. In tropical countries everything falls before these invaders; they leave nothing but ruin behind them. The author of "Tingweera" gives his description of them.
I have never found where these ants lie concealed when not engaged in foraging; but two or three times in the year, just before or after heavy rain, they come out of the forest in millions, advancing in a solid column, which may cover an acre of ground. Sometimes the column may separate in divisions, one

going in one direction, one in another. Each travels in a fixed direction, in which it is guided by the guards, distinguished by enormous heads and threatening mandibles, who march ahead of the main body, as if to reconnoiter the ground. The army follows after its officers, and rumages everything as it advances. Sometimes the trees to considerable heights, searching in all the cracks of the bark, or among parasitical plants. Every fallen or hollow log and every stone is carefully inspected.

They destroy as if a fire had passed over the ground. Snails, beetles, butterflies, slugs, spiders, caterpillars, scorpions, centipedes—everything is devoured. Wasps' nests are rifled of the grubs; birds are driven from their nests and the young ones eaten up. Fortunately, but occasionally incursions of the army take place before the rains, when the birds are rearing their young. I have seen lizards eight inches long writhing, lashing the tail, rolling over and over, covered with ants which soon mastered and devoured them.

Twice in the middle of the night we have been roused by such invasions of the marching army ants, and had to rush out of the house and wait till the foray was over. But we were consoled by their leaving us a clean house, for the ants search the thatch through and through, plunder the wasps' nests which line our eaves, and drag from hiding every lizard, cockroach and spider.

How Helen Keller Writes.

Not one person in ten thousand of those who will read Helen Keller's own story of her life, when it begins in an early issue of The Ladies Home Journal, will have the least conception of the amount of hard work required to write the story. First of all Miss Keller puts down her ideas, "in Braille," as the blind express it; that is to say, in the system of "points" raised on paper by means of a stylus and slate devised to aid the blind; these "points" being read afterward by passing the sensitive fingers over them. When all of this Braille work has been completed Miss Keller goes to her typewriter and uses these notes as a guide to the rewriting of the story.

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Miss Sullivan, to repeat it to her by spelling out each sentence by means of the hands. It is a tedious task, especially as some of the pages have to be read again and again, with changes here and there, before Miss Keller is satisfied. Then, when the proofs are sent to her, all this slow process of spelling word after word has to be gone through once more, so that each word that Helen Keller writes goes through her fingers at least five times. It will be a satisfaction to everybody to know that the publishers of The Journal have recognized in a substantial manner the extraordinary ability and patience which Miss Keller has shown in her work.

Receipts of the Convention Board for January and February, 1902.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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Chickasaw Association—Oak Grove \$5.30.
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Harmony Association—Lena Friendship \$35.60, Harpersville 8.55.
Lebanon Association—Ellisville Missionary Band \$25.
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Strong River Association—Salem \$8, Stonewall 5.25.
Sunflower Association—Oak Ridge \$10.
Tippah Association—Beulah \$3.65, Canaan 1.80, Bluff Springs 5, New Prospect .70, Flat Rock

Lawrence County Association \$4.
Kosciusko Association—Kosciusko \$30, Long Creek W. M. S. \$3.35, Centre W. M. S. .35.
West Judson Association—F. E. Pitts \$3.33.
Bogue Chitto Association—B. N. Hatch \$2.50, Miss S. R. Hester 1.
Central Association—Antioch \$5, Bethlehem Church 1.75, Palestine Church 11.85.
STATE MISSIONS.
Bogue Chitto Association—East McComb \$13, McComb 19, Mrs. Coney 5.
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Kosciusko Association—Jerusalem \$3.35.
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Louisville Association \$9.30.
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Oxford Association \$15.40.
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Union Association—A friend \$10.
Yazoo Association—Duck Hill W. M. S. 5, Pickens W. M. S. 5, Greenwood 73.
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GENERAL MISSIONS.
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The Daily Readings.

Mon. 24. Ephesians 1. "Sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise" (v. 13). Compare Ephesians 4:30.

Tues. 25. Ephesians 2. "Built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ Himself" (v. 20). Compare I Cor. 3:11.

Wedn. 26. Ephesians 3. "To know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge" (v. 19). Compare Rom. 8:39.

Thurs. 27. Ephesians 4:1-16. "The stature of the fulness of Christ" (v. 13). Compare John 1:16.

Fri. 28. Ephesians 4:17-22. "Put on the new man" (v. 24). Compare Rom. 13:14.

Sat. 29. Ephesians 5:1-14. "Walk in love" (v. 2). Compare Rom. 14:15-17.

Sun. 30. Conquest Meeting. Medical Missions.

Alternate Topic: "He is Risen, as He said." Luke 24:1-35.

Sunday-school Lesson: Review.

Conquest Missionary Course.

BY R. L. BUNYARD.

Some things we learn this month about medical missions.

What two words represent our time? Commerce and Missions.

Have they a relation to each other?

Yes. Commerce brings us in close touch with the world, so close we are subjected to all the diseases of the nations. Medical missionaries do much to stay the plagues of other nations and present their spread in this country by standing at the places of infection abroad.

Who founds hospitals at home and abroad?

Christians.

Don't heathen nations found them?

Sometimes—to counteract the influence of Christian hospitals.

Has the medical missionary a great advantage over other missionaries?

Yes.

Why?

Because all Orientals are superstitious, and when he has cured one, he has won him and many more.

What is supposed to be the cause of diseases in Africa?

Witchcraft.

When the Witch doctor locates the Witch, what often happens to the latter?

The sentence is some horrible lingering death.

What is the cause of disease in Burma?

Evil Spirits.

To whom do they look for a remedy?

The charm-seller.

Who reads most the medical missionary in that country?

The fortune-teller.

What may the medical missionary show these ignorant people about disease?

That sickness is caused by the breaking of God's laws in nature.

Mention another characteristic of the Oriental?

He is suspicious.

How may the medical missionary do much to clear up this suspicion?

By proving a friend rather than an enemy when he sees the inner life of the people.

Do the heathen welcome the medical missionary when they know him?

Yes. They are always sorry to say good-bye to the doctor.

How old is medical missions?

As old as the church—Luke—the writer of the third gospel being one—as we have reason to believe.

Who was the first modern medical missionary?

Dr. John Thomas—in 1785.

Who was his collaborator later?

William Carey—in 1792.

In what country did they labor?

India.

What was the occasion of their first convert?

A native fell and broke his arm and Dr. Thomas set it, and while doing so told him of the Great Physician of souls. He accepted Jesus and was converted.

Who baptized him?

William Carey.

What was his name?

Krishna Pal.

Who was Livingstone?

The Maatyr Hero of Africa.

Did he know about medical missions?

He was one himself.

How was Korea opened to the gospel?

By Dr. Allen saving the life of a Prince, who was bleeding to death, notwithstanding fourteen native surgeons were present.

What does Dr. Post tell us about Syria and the medical missionary?

"The most bigoted mohammedan Mollah or fakir will kiss the medical missionary's hand and beg him, in the name, and for the sake of Jesus, that the doctor would take pity upon them or their father, or mother, or child."

Who is said to have "opened up China at the point of his lance?"

Dr. Peter Parker, who went to China in 1834.

Who was the founder of the China Inland Mission?

A medical missionary—Dr. Hudson Taylor.

Why was Li Hung Chang the largest contributor in building

Dr. Makenzie's hospital?

Because two medical missionaries saved the life of his wife.

What one advantage has the medical missionary over other missionaries?

Both at home and abroad he reaches classes of people who could not be reached otherwise.

Tell something of the amount of work being done by medical missionaries?

In Africa, about 761,346 treatments annually in mission hospitals and dispensaries.

In Asia Minor and surrounding country there are about nineteen hospitals with 303,896 treatments given annually.

In Jerusalem—the city rejecting Christ—there are hospitals erected to His glory—and in these hospitals for the year 1896, 33,723 treatments were given.

Mission hospitals or dispensaries are found in thirty-four stations in China—no less than 1,026,109 treatments have been bestowed annually.

The Indian Empire has within its bounds forty-nine stations equipped with hospitals, and 1,399,393 treatments given annually.

Other countries cannot be noticed. The grand total compiled for last year shows that throughout the heathen and Mohammedan world 2,579,651 patients received 6,647,840 treatments.

Como.

A Union was organized in Como Baptist Church yesterday, March 16th. Besides having the support of the older members the young people were very expressive of their desire for one.

The officers are: Mr. H. H. Bemis, pres. Miss Pearl Skinner, Vice-pres. and Mrs. Maggie Davis, Secretary; Miss Fannie Patterson, Treasurer; Miss Lula Farmer, Organist.

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Deaths.

Mrs. Martha Cole Morton.

one of the fairest and best in our community. For several years she has been organist at White Oak and teacher in the Sunday School.

They took the morning train for Carlebad, New Mexico, their future home. Many friends gathered at the train to express their regrets at their leaving and to wish them happiness and success in their wedded life.

We shall surely miss you and may God bless you in your distant home.

BRYAN SIMMONS.

Carpenter, Miss.

John Edwin Skinner.

John Edwin Skinner was born at Clinton, Mississippi, March 2nd, 1876; died at his home in Clarendon, Texas, February 26th, 1902. He was the son of Rev. W. L. Skinner, so favorably known in Mississippi, but later of Texas. He died an untimely death, being burned to death, in his own home. He leaves a wife and child, father, mother, brothers and sisters to mourn his death. May the grace of God comfort the bereaved.

His Cousin, J. P. HORTON.

Byhalia, Miss.

F. D. Oliver.

F. D. Oliver was born in Elbert County, Ga., October, 1822. Married to Miss M. H. Hand, March, 1848. Moved to Mississippi 1852; joined the Masonic fraternity 1855, united with the Baptist church 1861, and died January, 1902.

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Frank Oliver, our church has lost a faithful member, the Masonic fraternity a zealous brother, and the wife and children a devoted husband and father.

For comfort in this great affliction, we commend the bereaved to the God whom the departed so faithfully served and trusted.

By order of Liberty Church, Kemper county, Miss., February, 1902.

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Married.

Harvey-Hairston.

At the residence of Mr. John Fullilove, near Vaiden, March 9th, 1902, Mr. John Harvey and Miss Agnes Hairston, Rev. C. A. Loveless, of Eupora, officiating, Mr. Harvey is the popular assessor of Webster county. He is also treasurer of his association; a useful member of Eupora Baptist Church, and a very popular man. His bride is an accomplished young woman, a zealous Christian and much beloved by a large acquaintance.

Spann—Stingily.

At the home of the bride's father, March 12th, at 6 p. m., Mr. J. A. Spann, Jr., and Miss Ruby E. Stingily, Z. T. Leavell officiating. Happiness attend them.

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LITTLE RED SEAL SHOES

ATLANTA

Personal.

—Bishop Spalding, of the Episcopal church, died in Erie, Pa., and was buried in Denver, his home, last Saturday.

—If you fail to read the "12th" page of this paper this week you will miss a treat that you cannot very well afford to miss.

—"Experience" is the name of the mission boat that has been purchased by The Examiner for the Baptist Union of the Bahamas.

—The 5th Sunday meeting of Union Association will convene with Bethesda Church, in Jefferson county, beginning on Friday the 28th.

—The 5th Sunday meeting in March will be at Casilla and not at New Goshen, as stated in the minutes of the Yalobusha Association.

—The Boer representatives, Messrs. Walmarans and Wessels, were courteously received by President Roosevelt as "private persons" merely.

—The total amount of gifts to education thus far in the new year amounts to nearly or quite \$20,000,000 and the year has not hardly more than started.

—Gov. Northern announces that he will not allow his name to go before the Asheville Convention for its presidency. We nominate Gov. Eagle, of Kansas, for the place.

—The field men of THE BAPTIST are getting in some good work. One subscription list is swelling week by week and we are having a remarkably few discontinuances.

—There has been a great strike on in the National Cash Register Company, Dayton, Ohio, because the president furnished his employees' towels that had been washed in a non-union laundry.

—Dr. Lorimer says that "at the present rate we are living, in fifty years we will have no Sabbath at all." It won't take that long—if we can get a few more European Princes to entertain.

—Rev. J. J. Shanks made us an appreciated call last week on his way from Vicksburg to Holmes county. We have known this brother all our life and we do not overstate the truth when we say there are no better men to be found.

—We intended but failed last week to say that we spent the second Lord's day with the Flora church. We had a good day, and royal entertainment in the home of Brother and Sister J. C. Goodloe. There are some noble people at Flora.

—"In consequence of the inability of the organ builders to complete the organ in time," the dedication of the new Grove Avenue Church, Richmond, Va., has been postponed until April the first. Dr. Carter Helm Jones is to be the preacher. Dr. Hawthorne is the pastor.

—Gov. Dell, of New York, has just removed from office the sheriff of Kings county for having promised prior to his election to make lawyer Bert Reiss his "legal counselor," contrary to the laws of that State. If we just had a whole heap more of this sort of removal from office it would do a great deal of good to the country.

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when your Cabinet came. Two weeks use cured me; have never had a twinge since." Rev. Geo. H. Hudson, of Michigan, says: "I gave up my pastorate on account of nervous prostration and lung troubles; my editor so highly recommended your Cabinet, I tried it; I commenced growing better at once; am now well; nervousness gone; lungs strong; am a new man." Mr. Simon Tompkins, a retired capitalist, of Columbus, O., says: "I am satisfied it saved my life. Was taken down with a hard cold which developed into a dangerous case of pneumonia. The first Bath relieved me, and I quickly recovered. It is far superior to drugs for curing lagrippe, colds, inflammation and rheumatism." Hon. A. B. Strickland, of Bloomington, writes: "That the Cabinet did him more good than two years' doctoring, cured him of catarrh, gravel, kidney trouble and dropsy, with which he had long suffered."

HUNDREDS OF MINISTERS

write, praising this Cabinet. Rev. B. Smith, D. D., Fairmount, N. J., says: "Your Cabinet rids the body of aches and pains, and as 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness' it merits high recommendation." Rev. J. C. Richardson, Roxbury, Mass., was greatly benefited by its use, and recommends it highly, as also does Hon. V. C. Hay, who writes: "Physicians gave me up to die, was persuaded by friends to try this Cabinet, and it cured me. Cannot praise it enough." U. S. Senator, Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, Congressman John J. Lentz, John T. Brown, Editor "Christian Guide," Rev. C. M. Keith, Editor "Holiness Advocate," as well as hundreds of clergymen, bankers, governors, physicians and influential people recommend it highly.

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